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HON. GERRIT J. DIECKEMA
A candidate for Governor

Too Much Politics.

We frequently hear this expression, "Too much politics for the good of the country." The force of this sentiment was given a practical demonstration, in a local way, in the selection of a county board of road commissioners by the board of supervisors last week.

If the consideration of any question under the Heavens should be eliminated from politics, it is the good roads question; and yet politics was the only consideration given the matter from start to finish, and by a combination of the democrats and their "allies" from the city and township of South Haven, (three of whom were elected as republicans and one independent) the first board of road commissioners for Van Buren county are all democratic. Several capable republican candidates were presented, but regardless of their qualifications all were smashed beneath the "combination" steam roller.

It has been suggested to The True Northerner that the public should be invited and urged to attend the sessions of the board of supervisors that they might know for themselves what was going on and how it was done. In this session, however, very little could have been learned in actual session. It was what transpired in secret caucus of the democrats and their "allies" from the lake city that would be of interest.

Supervisor Burger of Bangor aspired to the chairmanship, which by the way is a laudable ambition. Mr. Burger is a democrat and there were six others of that political faith present, Supervisor Gaynor being absent. The ballot gave Supervisor Burger 11 votes and Supervisor Kirby of Covert 9 votes. The South Haven supervisors voting with the democrats. It should be said that the democratic members should not be censured for the "combination" thus far. Mr. Burger is one of the strong members on the board. If the democrats could get the assistance of republican supervisors to elect one of their political faith chairman, all well and good, but it was the consideration of the road question that makes the "combination" look bad.

In the selection of road commissioners, Louis Waber of Pine Grove was the first man to be considered. Mr. Waber is a democrat and is recognized as one of the best road builders in the state. At present he is engaged in building good roads for Kalamazoo county. The republicans agreed with the democrats on Mr. Waber as one member of the board. No politics thus far, but listen!

Robert Tripp of Covert and Chas. Converse of South Haven were next considered. Mr. Tripp is considered one of the best road builders in the county and has excellent qualifications in every way. His only fault in this case was the fact that he is a republican, while Mr. Converse is said to be a democrat. The supervisors of South Haven city and township wanted him and the "combination" won, Converse receiving 11 votes, the same number as elected Mr. Burger chairman, and the debt was paid. But they were not through yet. M. H. Young of Paw Paw was next considered. Mr. Young is a man whose ability and qualifications for any important position is never questioned. He is conceded by everyone to be an excellent man for a member of this board of commissioners, but Mr. Young is also a republican and he too had to go down before the "roller." He was defeated by Frank Stapleton of Decatur. Right here The True Northerner desires to state that Mr. Stapleton is one of the county's esteemed and respected citizens. He is a man of ability and a state appointee being state oil inspector. There is no objection to him. It is the petty politics that the democrats resorted to in making these selections that is objectionable. We are informed that Mr. Stapleton cannot or will not accept the appointment. Several other names were presented, among them being George Dillenbeck of Lawrence. Mr. Dillenbeck is a road builder and has all the requisite qualifications. However he is a republican and the "combination" passed him up.

As an illustration of the unfairness of the democrats and the South Haven supervisors in making these selections, it may be said that many telegrams were received from the business men of South Haven urging the consideration of Dr. G. F. Young. No man in the county has spent more time and money or is more interested in this subject than Dr. Young. But again Dr. Young is a republican and he was not even permitted to get a look at the "roller."

The True Northerner is not informed as to the converse for the comments of the would not be the

hoped that the supervisors might be fair and look only to the best interest of the county in making these selections; that the men selected now might be elected next November without opposition, but if the democrats and their loyal assistants from the lake had gone to work deliberately and maliciously to cripple and destroy the effect of all the work already done in the interest of good roads in Van Buren county they could hardly have succeeded better. There will be opposition to the commissioners now, and plenty of it. Messrs. Tripp of Covert and Young of Paw Paw are already being urged to enter the primaries for these offices and should they consent there can hardly be any doubt as to their nomination and election. It is a pity to contemplate, but it is quite probable that Lewis Waber, splendid man for the place though he is, and a man who should be retained, will be lost in the political scramble that is bound to result from the unfair, petty, and we might say detestable, politics resorted to by the democrats and their republican (?) assistants from South Haven in the consideration of this important matter. Following are the comments of the South Haven Daily Tribune in part:

We hesitate to credit the suggestions made here this afternoon that the Board of Supervisors deliberately aimed to discredit and cripple the county road system by the selections made today for the commissioners that will inaugurate the system.

In fact, the selection of Mr. Waber, who is one of the best road builders in the county, and of Mr. Stapleton, who is highly spoken of as a capable business man, contradicts the assertion.

The selection of Mr. Converse, therefore, can only be ascribed to politics, and might cheap, contemptible politics at that. South Haven, which furnished so large a majority for the adoption of the county system, is made ridiculous by the action of the board.

We hope our supervisors are proud of the honor they have thrust upon the city, and that they will be warmly congratulated for this splendid triumph of efficiency and good government.

Hon. Gerrit J. Dieckema for Governor

Nominating petitions for Gerrit J. Dieckema of Holland for Governor, on the republican ticket have recently been circulated in Van Buren county. A splendid petition was sent from Paw Paw, and The True Northerner is informed that but two out of all to whom the petition was presented, declined to sign. There is a strong sentiment throughout the county for the Holland statesman, and it is confidently expected that he will be the choice of the republicans of the state in the August primaries. There are many candidates in the field, all of whom are being urged by their respective friends. Mr. Dieckema, however, is a man of wide experience in public affairs. A man of splendid ability and resources, fearless, loyal and honest. His integrity and republicanism have never been questioned. He is one of the really "big" men of the state, and a statesman who would be a credit and honor to his state as its Governor.

Will the State be Dry?

The state is now being organized for the fight for state wide prohibition. State speakers of prominence were here the first of the week to perfect an organization in Van Buren county. This county has the proud distinction of being the oldest local option county in the state. For many years this was the only "dry" spot on the map of Michigan. Now a considerable portion of the state is "dry" and it is hoped that the election next November will put the entire state of Michigan in the "dry" column. Regardless of the result of the election Van Buren county will still be "dry", but it behooves every citizen of the county who has helped to make Van Buren one of the banner local option counties of the state to put forth every effort to assist in the campaign for state wide prohibition now being inaugurated.

A Suggestion To Ford

My dear Mr. Henry Ford: Let us make a suggestion to you. Instead of spending your hard earned money in chasing after politics or peace, why don't you build with your own millions the Detroit Chicago highway? You can make enough in a month's sales of your automobiles, to finance the construction of such a highway. It would be your biggest advertisement, and would make you the benefactor of millions. Try it, Mr. Ford. — Progressive Herald.

A most happy and sensible suggestion. Mr. Ford is spending millions in fostering his "Peace Propaganda" which made him the laughing stock of the world. Some of the money used as the Progressive Herald suggests, or in some other judicious and sensible manner, would be a lasting monument to his memory.

HENRY E. CHASE VAN BUREN BOY

Grew to manhood in Lawrence township. Served as Deputy more than 20 years, now seeks first honors.

Henry E. Chase of Grand Rapids who is a candidate for Attorney General on the republican ticket, is a former Van Buren boy, and is commonly known to his home friends as just plain "Harry." He grew to manhood on his father's farm south of the village of Lawrence, and attended the district school in the "Nauvoo" district now known as Prospect Lake. Later he attended the public schools in the village of Lawrence from which he was graduated. His next step was as a student of law in the offices of Fred A. Maynard of Grand Rapids. By hard work and close application to study he was admitted to the bar and made the junior member of the law firm of Maynard and Chase. In 1895 the senior member Fred A. Maynard was elected Attorney General and "Harry" was appointed his deputy. His services in this

Chase, his "first love." Many times during the years he served as Deputy, he was urged to enter the race for Attorney General, but he was always content to hold a position next in rank to his chief. Now he again desires to serve the state as "chief" in the department where he served so many years, and which service so splendidly equipped him for further and greater usefulness.

He is qualified by actual experience, having an exact and quickly available knowledge of the laws of the state, and the relations of our complex departments, the result of long training in the school of actual experience. In his social associations "Harry" is a delightful companion and an unfaltering friend. He prizes the fellowship of men of affairs and of intellect the while, being a com-moner of exceeding breadth of thought and graciousness. His mother is now a resident of Decatur, and his brothers of Lawrence township, where he spends considerable time during the summer months, being interested with his brother L. T. Chase in a large marl pit near the village of Lawrence.

That he is an ideal candidate for Attorney General on the score of fitness, ability and experience will be conceded by every ambitious rival within his own party, and confessed by every would-be-opponent on the other side.

For painting and decorating see Salls. He is at the 5 and 10c store. adv. 7c

SEWER NOTICE

To the owners and persons liable for the assessment of taxes, both ordinary and extra ordinary, of the following described property in the village of Paw Paw:

- Lot 1, Block 58;
- Lot 6, Block 57;
- Lots 1 and 2, Block 27;
- Lots 11 and 12, Block 25;
- Lots 1 and 2, Block 28;
- Lots 11 and 12, Block 25;
- Lot 1, Block 29;
- Lot 12, Block 24.

TAKE NOTICE, that the Village of Paw Paw intends to construct a sewer beginning on the center line of Blocks 24 and 29, thence south in center of LaGrave street to center of blocks 57 and 58, and to designate said sewer and special assessment district as Sewer District Number Three of said Village.

The map and estimates of said sewer and public improvement can be found at the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Paw Paw, and notice is hereby given that the Village Council will meet at the Council rooms in the Village of Paw Paw on May 22, 1916, at 7:30 p. m. to hear any suggestions and objections from persons interested or liable to be assessed for the work.

Charles Lake, H. D. Spicer,
Village Pres. Village Clerk.

DELEGATES ELECTED.

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Permanent Organization and order of business: Senator Tripp, Allegan; Dr. Hyde, Barry; J. J. Sterling, Berrien; W. H. Berkey, Cass; F. A. Fisk, St. Joseph; E. G. Hickey, Van Buren.

Resolutions: E. W. Stone, Allegan; Roy Andrus, Barry; A. A. Worthington, Berrien; H. B. Whitley, Cass; H. H. Adams, Van Buren.

The venerable Mr. Proctor of St. Joseph was called before the convention and made a short but ringing speech. Mr. Proctor has the distinction of being the last delegate left of those who assisted in the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for President. He was endorsed by resolution for one of the delegates at large to the National convention.

Resolution were adopted, denouncing the policies of President Wilson the democratic party, and pledging allegiance to the principals of republicanism, and to the nominees of the party in the National convention.

Special Paving Taxes Due

Those persons assessed in Special Paving district number two (2) are hereby notified that the Second Installment of said tax is now due and must be paid on or before the 13th day of July 1916, warrant having been issued by the village council to that effect. Also, those persons assessed in Paving District number three (3) are notified that part one of said assessment is now due and must be paid on or before the 10th day of July 1916, warrant having been issued by the village Council to that effect.

I will be at the Paw Paw Savings Bank Saturday afternoons of each week for the collection of said tax.

E. Dickerhoof,
13:2 Village Treasurer.

DEMPSEY-WESTON.

Miss Ella Dempsey and Eugene Weston, both of Dowagiac, were quietly married Saturday, April 22, by Rev. L. Kayser of the First Baptist church. Immediately afterward the young couple left for Paw Paw, where they spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Weston on South LaGrave street. They returned to Dowagiac and went to housekeeping in a furnished home, corner of Spruce and Orchard streets.

Mrs. Weston is the daughter of Leslie C. Dempsey and has been employed at Heddon Bait factory as forelady for the past several years. Eugene is the son of George Weston of this city and now has a position with the Beckwith Round Oak Co. The True Northerner joins the many friends of the bridal couple in extending congratulations.

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